

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of Ibrahim, et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Advisory Action dated April 4, 2001, Applicants submit herewith a Continued Prosecution Application. In the event that an extension of time is necessary, Applicants petition the Commissioner for an appropriate extension of time under the Rules and authorize Deposit Account No. 21-0380 be charged for any petition and extension fees.

Respectfully submitted.

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